

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The ~~invention~~technology relates to resource allocation in communications systems-(1). In such a system-(1), the pool of resources that can be provided to connected user equipment-(400, 410) for usage in conducting communications services are divided into multiple resources classes. This class division is based on a characteristic allocation time of resource allocation procedures that can be applied on resources of the different classes. For each class, a resource utilization measure is determined. It is then determined, based on this measure, whether or not a resource allocation procedure associated with the current class should be triggered. This selective triggering can be realized through a comparison between the measure and a threshold associated with the current class. Both the measure determination and selective triggering are performed for a given class before continuing with a next class, preferably starting with the class having slowest resource allocation procedures.